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Jimm Larry Hendren

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: Arkansas 1964 BA, 1965 LLB
Began Service: 1992
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Judicial: Chancellor and Probate Judge, Arkansas Chancery Court,
Sixteenth District (1977-1978)

Legal Practice: Little & Enfield (1968-1969); Private Practice (1970-1977);
Partner, Hendren & Hood (1986-1988)

Military Service: United States Navy (1965-1968); Military Judge,
Department of the Navy (1969-1970); United States Naval Reserve
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Harry F. Barnes

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1932
Education: Naval Acad 1956 BS; Arkansas 1964 LLB
Began Service: 1993
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Judicial: Judge, Municipal Court (1975-1982); Judge, Arkansas Circuit
Court, 30th Judicial District (1982-1993)

Legal Practice: Partner, Pryor & Barnes (1964-1966); Partner, Barnes
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Military Service: United States Marine Corps (1956-1961); United States
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Robert T. Dawson

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1938
Education: Arkansas 1960 BA, 1965 LLB
Began Service: April 15, 1998
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Member, Fort Smith School Board (1976-1982); President,
Fort Smith School Board (1979-1980)

Legal Practice: Hardin, Dawson & Terry (and predecessor firms)
(1965-1998)

Military Service: United States Army (1961-1962)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Board of
Trial Advocates; The University of Arkansas Alumni Association

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Audrey R. Evans

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Texas 1967 BA; Arkansas 1983 JD
Began Service: February 19, 2002
Term Expires: February 2016

Academic: Adjunct Professor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (1999)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable G. Thomas Eisele, United States
District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas (1983-1985)

Government: Member, State Board of Law Examiners, State of Arkansas
(1996-2001)

Legal Practice: Wright, Lindsey & Jennings, LLP (1985-1990); Partner,
Lax, Vaughn, Evans & Fortson, PA (1991-2001)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar
Association; American College of Bankruptcy; Arkansas Association
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Association of Central Arkansas; National Conference of Bankruptcy
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James G. Mixon

Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: Arkansas 1968 LLB
Began Service: December 1, 2006
Term Expires: December 1, 2009

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable John A. Fogleman, Arkansas
Supreme Court (1968-1969)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of
Arkansas, United States Department of Justice (1969-1973); City Attorney,
State of Arkansas (1975-1977); Member, Office of the City Council, City
of Bentonville, Arkansas (1978-1982)

Judicial: Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the
Eastern District of Arkansas; Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy
Court for the Western District of Arkansas (1984-2006); Bankruptcy
Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of
Arkansas (1984-2006)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1969-1973); Partner, Little, McCollum &
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Military Service: United States Navy (1963-1965)

Current Memberships: Arkansas Bar Association; Debtor-Creditor Bar
Association of Central Arkansas; National Conference of Bankruptcy
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